

O R I G I N S

Sin and Civilization

Genesis 4:1-26

1. Failure to acknowledge and obey God leads to sin and death.

2. Civilization will not eliminate sin. We must preserve and prioritize the worship of God.

MY APPLICATION

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. What was the difference between Cain's offering and Abel's? (See Genesis 4:3-4; Hebrews 11:4; 2 Samuel 24:21-24; Malachi 1:13-14) How do these offerings reflect the value each man places on his relationship with God? What are some things in *your* life that reflect the value of your relationship with God?
2. God tells Cain to do right or be controlled by sin. (See Genesis 4:6-7) Do you have any areas where sin seems to be taking control? How can you gain strength to do what is right? (See Ephesians 6:10-18)
3. Read Genesis 4:19-24. What do you notice about the progress of civilization and the deterioration of humanity at the same time? Reflect on our advanced technology, education, and government. Have these advancements changed the propensity of humans to sin against each other?
4. By the third generation of the line of Adam/Eve through Seth, public worship became a priority. (See Genesis 4:26; Psalm 116:17-18; Acts 2:46-47) Why is regular, public worship of God necessary to keep from being pulled away from our devotion to God?

MEMORY VERSE

"If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

Genesis 4:7